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## ***Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund – Distribution of Grant Funds***


Mendocino County is pleased to announce that a total of \$140,772.33 has been awarded from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund, which was funded by contributions made by the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians. Each year, funds are awarded to local government agencies impacted by tribal casinos. Awarded applicants from this year's funding cycle include the Hopland, Little Lake, Redwood Valley/Calpella, and Long Valley Fire Districts, the Sheriff's Office, District Attorney, Health and Human Services Agency, and the Hopland Public Utility District.

The Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund was established by the State Legislature to help mitigate the impacts of tribal casinos, funded by gaming fees. The Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee was created to distribute these funds within Mendocino County. The Committee includes the following members: Shawn Padi and Pamela Espinoza of the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians Tribal Council, Dan Hamburg and John McCowen of the County Board of Supervisors, Ron Orenstein and Larry Stranske of the Willits City Council, and Trevor Sanders of the Point Arena City Council.

*"We're very pleased that funds will go toward a variety of activities to assist communities affected by gaming," said Dan Hamburg, Committee Chair. "Awards will support law enforcement, victim's witness assistance, a summer youth program, and water infrastructure improvements, in addition to fire protection and emergency medical equipment."*

Mendocino County would like to thank the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians for its contributions to the Fund and cooperation throughout the award process, and to congratulate this year's awardees.

For more information, please contact the Executive Office at 463-4441.

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